

## KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY United Nations Proposal

## Proposal # 51

## Proposed by Panama

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**Action on Proposal** 

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An act to provide water purification systems to families with children who do not have access to clean water

## Be it hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the United Nations

Justification Clause: Access to clean drinking water is a basic human right and is necessary for survival. Children are the most susceptible to diseases contracted from drinking unclean water. Right now UNICEF primarily provides short term solutions to purifying water in regions that have faced environmental disasters. This proposal would provide a more lasting solution to regions that are constantly without clean water.

Section I: This proposal would allot a segment of UNICEF's budget to provide family-sized LifeStraws to families without access to clean drinking water, enabling them to purify their own water.

Section II: LifeStraws are portable water filters that require no training or energy to operate. They have the ability to provide clean drinking water to a family of five for three to five years.

Section III: These LifeStraws will be distributed directly to the qualifying families via UNICEF agents. Families must apply for this benefit through UNICEF agents, which will ensure funds are not lost due to government corruption. Families must wait a minimum of three years before applying for a replacement LifeStraw.

Section IV: Priority will be given to families with children in regions with less than 30% of drinkable water.

Section V: Funds for these water filters will be reallocated from the UNICEF budget currently going towards temporary clean water solutions, such as water kits and purification tablets. This bill will not cost any additional funds, but reallocate approximately 5% of existing funds. Also, the option to donate money directly towards the filters will be added to other donation options made available through the UNICEF website.

Section VI: UNICEF will begin taking applications January 1, 2015 and distribution will begin May 1, 2015.